





**MEMORANDUM  
Fleet Services**

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**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Tom Wieczorek, Fleet Officer

**DATE:** February 7, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of Emergency Purchase for Repair of a Quint Pumper/Ladder Fire Truck

Fire truck, Unit No.03D367, sustained extensive damage to its aerial portion while in use at a fire during the month of January. This unit is called a Quint and it is a dual purpose unit that has the capabilities of a fire pumper truck and an aerial ladder truck. The damage to the ladder required the unit to be taken out of service. As with any fire equipment, this is a custom built unit that needs to be evaluated and repaired by the manufacturer.

With this unit out of service, Fire Station 40 is operating with only a pumper truck. Operating without the Quint leaves a large void in the geographic area that Station 40 serves. Because of concerns for public health and safety, I determined that emergency repairs were necessary to get this unit back into service as quickly as possible rather than to wait for Council approval before having the work done. The Quint left Austin today en route to Appleton, Wisconsin where the manufacturer is located.

Please note there is the possibility that the repairs will cost substantially more than the estimate submitted, if the manufacturer discovers additional damage after disassembly and testing.

Based on this critical need for timely repairs, I am proceeding with the repairs for the pumper/ladder fire truck as a Public Health and Public Safety procurement. The RCA for ratification of these emergency repairs will be scheduled for your approval in the near future.

If you require additional information, please advise.